



Proclamation

Montgomery County Maryland

WHEREAS,

more than 58,000 members of the United States Armed Forces, including 113 from Montgomery County, lost their lives in Vietnam and more than 300,000 members of the Armed Forces were wounded; and

WHEREAS,

in 1982, the Vietnam Veterans Memorial was dedicated in the District of Columbia to commemorate the lives and services of the men and women who died or were declared missing-in-action in the Vietnam War; and

WHEREAS,

there are over 25,000 Vietnam veterans in the county, and they have contributed greatly to business, art, medicine, science, technology, and government service, including elected office; and

WHEREAS,

the establishment of *Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day* is an appropriate way to express appreciation and honor the members of the United States Armed Forces, as well as other service organizations, who bravely and selflessly served our country and their fellow citizens during the Vietnam War; their service was to their country and its principles of freedom and equality, not to any other cause or policy; and

WHEREAS,

on March 30, 2009, Congress proclaimed a national *Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day* and encouraged the people of the United States to observe this day with ceremonies and activities that promote awareness of the numerous contributions of veterans who served in Vietnam and the importance of helping all of America's veterans return home and achieve happy, healthy, and productive lives;

NOW, THEREFORE, DO I,

Isiah Leggett as County Executive hereby proclaim March 2011, as

WELCOME HOME VIETNAM VETERANS DAY

in Montgomery County to celebrate the faithful service of its Vietnam-era veterans. I urge all residents to observe this day with appropriate programs and activities to honor those veterans who served our country in Vietnam.



Signed this 30th day of March in the year 2011.

Isiah Leggett
County Executive